(c) Under the scheme the farmers are benefited through subsidising the cost of the system which they have to pay.

(d) The Government of India has issued detailed guidelines to all the states for effective implementation of the scheme to ensure that the benefit reach the farmers.

Circular Railway for Telengana Region

3032. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for introducing Circular Railway in Telengana Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is included in 1996-97 budget or to be added to supplementary budget; and

(d) if included the details thereof and if not, when would it be included?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal currently under consideration of this Ministry.

Selling out of Haldia Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.

3033. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHAS TRI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to sell out Haldia Fertilizer Corporation Limited.

(b) if so, at what cost/price and the reasons therefor;

(c) the total investment in the project and its present valuation;

(d) whether any global tender has been issued for this purpose;

(e) whether it is a fact that M/s. Chatterjee Group, a partner of Haldia Petro-chem Limited is interested in buying the Haldia Fertilizer Corporation Limited and Government intend to sell it to that Group; and

(f) if not, the steps Government have taken to revamp this project and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (f) The revamp of Haldia fertilizer project of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd., (HFC) was not found to be techno-economically viable. Its rehabilitation would require setting up a new standard sized ammonia/urea plant at an estimated cost of about Rs. 1300 crore at current price levels. Keeping in view the magnitude of fresh investment required it was decided to attract private capital for rehabilitation of Haldia fertilizer project of HFC. No global tenders have yet been issued for inviting any offers for the same.

An expenditure of Rs. 995.37 crore had been incurred on Haldia Fertilizer project upto 31.3.1996. HFC has engaged Projects & Development India Ltd., (PDIL) to undertake the valuation of the assets of the project.

M/s. Chatterjee Group had envinced a preliminary interest in take over of the Haldia Fertilizer Project in the proceedings before the Board for Industrial and financial Reconstruction (BIFR). Any final decision with regard to having off the Haldia Fertilizer Project would depend upon the outcome of the proceedings pending before the BIFR, which is a quasi-judicial authority.

Revival of HFC with Japanese assistance

3034. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export-Import bank of

Japan has agreed to explore the possibility of their cooperation in revival proposal of HFC, subject to two conditions, viz guarantee issued by the Government of India and its confirmation of the revival as a priority project;

(b) if so, when was such letter received by HFC, and the follow up action taken, so far;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has assured involvement of KRIBHCO in revival of Gorakhpur plant; and

(d) if so, what prohibits the Govenment to ensure involvement of IFFCO in restoring Haldia Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A letter dated 25.10.1996 from the Export-Import Bank of Japan was received by Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) on 28.10.96. The matter is under examination in the Government.

(c) In April 1996, KRIBHCO had undertaken a pre-feasibility study of the establishment of a new standard sized Ammonia Urea plant, utilising the existing infrastructure of the Gorakhpur unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), which was in operation till June, 1990. The reference to the revival of the Gorakhpur unit was made by the Prime Minister on 10.8.1996.

(d) In order to optimise the achievement of its corporate objectives, IFFCO, a multi-State Cooperative, has evolved its investment strategy, which does not include an investment in the revival of the Haldia project.

Environmental awareness in Schools

3035. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any concrete programme for Environmental Awareness in Schools in the country so far a cleaner and safer future for children;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a National Conference Prgramme for Environmental Awareness in Schools organised by PEAS, a Bangalore based, nation wide schools organisation recently in New Delhi as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 4th December, 1996; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard to make our future generation in schools aware of the dieconsequences of Environmental crisis on which safety of lives of million of people depends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) As reported by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, a Scheme aimed at educating children about their immediate environment and creating awareness, through field visits and demonstrations, and about the importance and role of various factors in eco-system, has been launched. The school children will be actively involved in the implementation of the scheme through a network of Eco-clubs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government proposes to continue providing assistance under this Scheme, through a network of Eco-clubs in the near future. In the National Policy on Education, 1986, Environmental Education has been made an integral part of the curricula at all stages of Education. The State Governments/Union Territories are provided assistance for reviewing and developing the texts with a view to incorporating environmental matters.

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